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Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

We are writing in regard to the proposed merger between T-Mobile and AT&T because of the benefits it will bring to North Dakota's economy and working families across our country. We trust you will also see the same beneficial results as you review this application.

AT&T is the only union employer in the wireless industry and has a policy of union neutrality, while T-Mobile has actively interfered with organizing efforts. Upon approval of the merger, 20,000 T-Mobile workers would have the opportunity to have representation in the workplace and the benefits of collective bargaining that go with it. So this merger would represent victory for thousands of workers and their families.

But many others beyond T-Mobile's workers will benefit from this merger in North Dakota and across the country. As you know, President Obama's goal has been to connect "every part of America to the digital age." The synergies between AT&T and T-Mobile help make that happen because of the expansive build-out that AT&T would now be able to do to ensure high-speed 4G LTE coverage throughout the United States. This wouldn't just be

the populous, urban cities like New York or Los Angeles. Frequently left out, rural America would be included in this network expansion.

And the kind of expansion AT&T is talking about is truly significant – expanding its high speed 4G LTE network to approximately 55 million more Americans because of the merger, many who live in rural and traditionally underserved communities. All told, this massive investment has been reported to total approximately \$8 billion over 7 years. It's this kind of investment that helps get Americans working again while also providing broadband coverage to over 300 million Americans.

This merger brings tremendous benefits and opportunities to working families in North Dakota as well as across the United States. We hope you will see these benefits as you examine this transaction and allow it to move forward.

Best Regards,



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